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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing to Comptroller's Office on CLAS

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1. I was requested to meet with PARepresentative to the Office of the Comptroller, on 9 October to discuss the Commercial Logistics Application System (CLAS). That meeting was cancelled and subsequently rescheduled for Thursday, 16 October in the Comptroller's Conference Room, 7C36, HQ.

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2. Attendees at the briefing were and myself. I was asked to brief the attendees on the status of the CLAS initiative, specifically, achievements during the past year, shortcomings, current status, projected achievements for FY 87, and funding profile in the outyears.

- 3. I provided the group with a synopsis of events as I see them, including the installation, testing, and evaluation of the functional and technical capabilities of the accounts payable, purchasing, and manufacturing packages from MSA. From a functional perspective, I explained that there are shortcomings in the purchasing and accounts payable packages (which may or may not be resolved in future releases or modifications), and strengths in the inventory control portion of manufacturing. From a technical point of view, I pointed out that OIT established a confidence in "interfacing" to Cullinet General Ledger Software, but was unable to test integration of software packages due to the unavailability of funds control packages.
- 4. I advised the group that OL/CLAS, OIT, and OF representatives will be visiting Cullinet and MSA in October to re-evaluate their software packages. By November, we will be in position to re-assess our confidence in proceeding with the next CLAS development phase or proposing a suitable alternative.

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5. On the issue of funding profile in the out-years, I expressed concern that there may not be enough money programmed to accommodate the purchase of 3270 terminals and printers.

6. My feeling on the results of the meeting were positive; that our direction with CLAS was on target and our funding not in any jeopardy.

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